

**PLUMBERS' EXAMINING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: June 11, 2014

Meeting Location: Central Conference Room, State of Maine - Gardiner Annex, Northern Avenue,
Gardiner, Maine

Time Meeting Began: 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call of Officers:

The following members were present:

Percy Brown, Jr., Chairman

Lawrence Kent

William Longley, Jr.

The following member was absent:

Lawrence Dempsey

Staff Present:

Catherine Carroll, Board Administrator

Dana Tuttle, Senior Inspector

Vickey Gray, Board Clerk

AAG Present:

Christopher Mann

Call to Order and Welcome

Percy Brown called the Plumbers' Examining Board to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2014 meeting.

Motion: Lawrence Kent

Second: William Longley, Jr.

Unanimous

New Business:

Complaint Presentations

2013-PLU-9300

Christopher Mann presented the facts of the case. A motion was made to dismiss this complaint as no evidence of noncompliance with the code was found.

Motion: William Longley, Jr.

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Second: Lawrence Kent
Unanimous

2013-PLU-9532

Christopher Mann presented the facts of the case. A motion was made to dismiss this complaint as no evidence of noncompliance with the code was found.

Motion: Lawrence Kent
Second: William Longley, Jr.
Unanimous

2014-PLU-9887

Christopher Mann presented the facts of the case. A motion was made to offer a consent agreement in which the licensee admits the facts in this case and agrees to a probationary period of two (2) years from the last signature date on the consent agreement or until the next license renewal period in 2016, whichever is longer.

Motion: William Longley, Jr.
Second: Percy Brown, Jr.
Unanimous

Administrator's Report

Catherine Carroll informed the members that Prometric has indicated that the revisions to the Maine Plumbers' Examining Board Examinations will be in production at test centers by July 31, 2014.

The members were advised that the office has been attending a variety of job fairs to assist visitors in professional licensing.

Catherine reported that staff had received congratulations from the Governor's office for the success in assisting a veteran in becoming licensed and qualified for examination.

Senior Inspector's Report

Dana Tuttle reported that he's been busy reviewing the Prometric exams and has been attending job fairs.

Dana reported that he has LPI training coming up at the MBOIA meeting in Presque Isle. He expressed his ongoing concern that the LPI's still need more training.

Dana informed the members that he is working on complaints related to unlicensed practice and fielding telephone calls from engineers, plumbers, consumers, LPI's and business owners.

Dana reported that it appears that too many plumbers do not understand the code.

Dana informed the members that there is a huge issue in this state with unlicensed practice.

Other Business

The members were asked if they were comfortable with the current process regarding the processing of consent agreements. The members agreed to continue to send consent agreements that have been signed by the licensee directly to the chair for signature. The members did ask for notification of consent agreements that are offered and accepted.

The members discussed the possibility of creating a Memorandum of Understanding with the Well Driller & Pump Installers Board regarding a trainee or journeyman plumber pulling and replacing well pumps.

It was agreed to invite a representative from the Well Driller & Pump Installers Board to the August board meeting for a discussion regarding the conflicts between the two sets of rules regarding well pumps.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickey Gray
Board Clerk